

REMARKS

Forty-four claims were originally filed in the present Application. Claims 1-44 currently stand rejected. Claims 1-44 are cancelled herein, and are replaced with new claims 45-54. Reconsideration of the Application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Specification

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner objects to the Specification because of certain "informalities". In particular, the Examiner states that "figure details are not referred to correctly." In response, Applicants herein amend the Specification to remedy the cited informalities. Applicants therefore request the Examiner to withdraw the objections to the Specification so that the present Application may issue in a timely manner.

Cancellation of Rejected Claims and Submission of New Claims

In paragraph 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-2, 4-8, 10-22, 24-28, and 30-44 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,659,861 to Faris et al. (hereafter Faris). In addition, in paragraph 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 3 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Faris in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,584,095 to Jacobi (hereafter Jacobi). Furthermore, in paragraph 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 9 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Faris in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,493,751 to Tate et al. (hereafter Tate).

In response to the foregoing rejections, Applicants refrain from discussing the cited references, and instead, herein cancel all currently rejected claims without prejudice, in order to present a new set of patent claims for consideration by the Examiner. The Applicants expressly state that the rejected claims are not cancelled herein for reasons of patentability. Furthermore, the Applicants also expressly reserve the right to seek future allowance of any and all claims or subject matter that may be related to the cancelled claims.

The Applicants herein submit new claims 45-54 for consideration by the Examiner in the present Application. The new claims 45-54 recite specific detailed embodiments for implementation and utilization of Applicants' invention, as disclosed and discussed in the Specification. Applicants submit that newly-added claims 45-54 contain a substantial number of limitations that are not taught or suggested by the cited references. For example, claim 45 recites "each logon request further comprising user profile information associated with the person using the portable electronic device making the logon request." Applicants therefore respectfully request the Examiner to consider and allow new claims 45-54, so that the Application may issue in a timely manner.

Summary

Applicants submit that the foregoing amendments and remarks overcome the Examiner's objections and rejections. Because the cited references, or the Examiner's citations thereto, do not teach or suggest the claimed invention, and in light of the differences between the claimed invention and the cited prior art, Applicants therefore submit that the claimed invention is patentable over the cited art, and respectfully request the Examiner to allow claims 45-54, so that the present Application may issue in a timely manner. If there are any questions concerning this Response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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